



By the King.

A PROCLAMATION

For Inforcing the Laws against Conventicles, and for Preservation of the Publick Peace, against Unlawful Assemblies of Papists and Non-Conformists.

CHARLES R.

Whereas Our Loyal Subjects the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, have lately been humble Petitioners to Us to issue forth Our Proclamation for Inforcing the Laws against Conventicles, and that Care might be taken for preservation of the Peace of the Kingdom against unlawful Assemblies of Papists and Non-Conformists; Having seriously considered and Weighed the said humble Suit of Our said Commons, and upon Information that divers persons in several parts of this Realm, abusing the Clemency which hath been used towards persons not Conforming to the Worship and Government Established in the Church of England (even whilst it was under Consideration, to find out a way for the better Union of Our Protestant Subjects) have of late frequently and openly, in great numbers, and to the great disturbance of Our Peace, held unlawful Assemblies and Conventicles; We have thought good to Declare, That We will by no means permit such notorious Contempts of Us and Our Laws, to go unpunished. And therefore We do by this Our Royal Proclamation (with the Advice of Our Privy Council) Require, Charge and Command all Lords Lieutenants, Deputy-Lieutenants, Justices of Oyer & Terminer, Justices of Assize and Goal-delivery, Justices of Peace, Mayors, Bayliffs, and all other Our Officers whatsoever, That they be circumspect and vigilant, each of them in their several Charges and Jurisdictions, to Inforce, and put in Execution, all the Laws now in force against unlawful Conventicles. And further, Our Will and Pleasure is, And We do hereby strictly Charge and Command Our said Magistrates and Officers, That they and every of them in their several places, do take care for the preservation of the Peace of this Kingdom, against unlawful Assemblies of Papists and Non-Conformists.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall the Tenth day of March, In the Twentieth year of Our Reign. 1667.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

In the SAVOY,

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